

said SRAM includes an access MOS (Metal Oxide Semiconductor) transistor and a drive MOS transistor; and  
the surface of said active region of said access MOS transistor is entirely rounded.

Please cancel claim 2.

### REMARKS

Applicant submits that by the present Amendment and Remarks, this application is placed in clear condition for immediate allowance. At the least, the present Amendment reduces the number of issues, as by manifestly overcoming the imposed rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 predicated upon Hashimoto et al., thereby placing the application in better condition for Appeal. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and Remarks, and favorable consideration, are respectfully solicited pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 1 and 3 through 6 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 2 therein, and claim 2 cancelled. Applicant submits that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue or any new issue for that matter.

A clean copy of amended claim 1 appears in the Appendix hereto.

**Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Hashimoto et al.**

This rejection is traversed.